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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sought financial assistance/loans from World Bank or any other foreign financial institutions for Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

(b) if so, the amount received therefrom, institution-wise;

(c) the actual requirement of funds for the project;

(d) whether due to inadequate funds, the project has been lagging behind the schedule and the cost is escalating;

(e) if so, the efforts being taken by the Government for timely completion of the project; and

(f) the extent to which goal has been achieved?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) &(b) Yes, Sir. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a loan of US $ 400 million and World Bank has agreed to a loan/credit of US $ 399.5 million to support the programme of total rural connectivity under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).

(c) The total fund requirement for Rural Road component of `Bharat Nirman` upto 2009-10 has been estimated to be Rs. 48000 crore.

(d) & (e) Rural Roads component of `Bharat Nirman` programme launched during the current year has a goal of providing connectivity to all villages with a population of 1000 (500 in the case of hilly or tribal areas) with an all weather road by 2009. PMGSY, the ongoing programme to provide rural connectivity, is being funded through the 50% share of the cess levied on High Speed Diesel and the loan/credit approved by the World Bank (US $ 399.5 million) and Asian Development Bank (US $400 million). To meet the Bharat Nirman goals of providing connectivity to the villages, Ministry of Rural Development is in continuous consultation with the Planning Commission and Ministry of Finance to locate additional sources of Rs. 4000 crore annually to meet the gap.

(f) As per information received from the State Governments, 37935 habitations out of total eligible 172772 habitations have been covered under PMGSY so far.